

SJPD Endorsement application

Candidates interested in formal endorsements from the SJPD can submit applications using this form. Candidate endorsements will be in effect through one primary and general election cycle.

Contact Information

Name:

Office sought:

Primary Date:

Election Date:

Campaign Contact Info:

- Phone:
- Email:

If Available:

- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

Current Party Affiliation:

Past Party Affiliations:

Do you now hold or have you ever held elected office? If yes, please explain:

Candidate Background

- Describe your ties to South Jersey.
- Describe your experience in politics/activism/community organizations.
- List all campaigns you were involved in as a candidate, staffer, and volunteer.
- Please confirm that by submitting this application, you consent to allow SJPD to run a background check and/or ask questions related to the following in a personal interview: (1) Prior arrests, charges, or convictions; (2) civil litigation history; (3) bankruptcy filings. *(Note: SJPD does not believe that any of the above necessarily preclude anyone from an endorsement, but discussing them in advance are essential for the campaign).*

Platform Essay Questions

The South Jersey Progressive Democrats are committed to recruiting and endorsing candidates that share our progressive values. More specifically, we value accountable and transparent government based on democratic principles; economic justice by means of democratic control of the workplace and economy; racial and social equity; climate and environmental justice; and the fundamental right to an education.

Please review [the SJPD platform](#) and:

- 1.) Identify up to three issues that are important to you as a candidate and how you plan to address them if elected. In doing so, please touch upon notions of procedural progressivism (the process of governing) as well as substantive progressivism (the positions we take as an organization).
- 2.) Briefly describe how you plan to fund your campaign.
- 3.) Briefly describe your campaign strategy and path to victory.

Endorsement Process

Once the application is received, the SJPD by-laws prescribe the following process:

Article VI, Section 2. Endorsement process: The Steering committee will make recommendations to the general membership regarding endorsements. These recommendations will be informed by information

gathered by the Elections committee, for the purpose of gauging candidates' alignment with the shared progressive values of the organization. This process will be shared publicly, and will be open to any candidate who wishes to seek endorsement. The Steering committee can recommend a candidate for endorsement by a 2/3 majority vote. Candidates recommended by the steering committee must be approved by a simple majority of members voting in any particular election.